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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the frame parts and the cavity elements both having recesses with sidewalls, and the sidewalls resting against lateral surfaces of the sliding blocks as recited in claim 1 must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the

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applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35

U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Claim 1 of the instant application recites that the frame parts and the cavity element have recesses, and that these recesses have sidewalls. Claim 1 then recites that these sidewalls rest against lateral surface(s) of the sliding blocks.

As noted above, the drawings of the instant application do not show these features. Moreover, it is not clear given the apparatus structure shown in the drawings, and the corresponding description in the specification, how such a configuration could

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be achieved. Figures 2 and 4 show the primary structure of the apparatus. The frame parts are marked with reference number 20, the cavity elements are reference number 4, and the sliding blocks are reference number 21. The corresponding description of these elements occurs at ¶ 21. While the cavity elements 4 clearly have surfaces resting against the sliding blocks, the frame parts (as shown in both Figures 2 and 4) are nowhere near the sliding blocks. It is physically impossible for the frame parts to abut against the sliding blocks in the configuration given there respective locations.

Claims 1-17 are therefore not enable by the disclosure of the instant application as one of ordinary skill in the art would not know how to construct an apparatus with the frame parts, cavity elements, and sliding blocks recited in the claims.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and

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distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 17 recites "[a] method for manufacturing a shaping tool according to claim 1," thereby incorporating the elements already recited in claim 1. Claim 17, however, goes on to recite the same elements again. For example, a tool is already introduced in claim 1, but claim 17 recites "providing a tool structure," thereby suggesting a different tool than has already been provided. It is clear from the disclosure, however, that this tool structure is one and the same. Claim 17 therefore is indefinite as it incorporates the elements of claim 1, but then suggests that those elements are not present.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pratt et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,662,946; previously made of record in the I.D.S. filed 21 January 2004).

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Pratt discloses a shaping tool for molding plastic objects. The tool comprises a frame, cavity elements, and sliding blocks (see Figs. 1-4 and the corresponding description). These structures are configured and arranged as recited in the claims.

8. The following references cited but not relied upon are deemed pertinent to the instant application:

Takeuchi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,861,254) disclose a cassette-type molding die.

Lin (U.S. Pat. No. 5,695,790) discloses a mold assembly for injection molding.


Oshiro et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,010,324) disclose a mold clamping unit and method of positioning mold in mold clamping unit.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald Heckenberg whose telephone number is (571) 272-1131. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-1166. The official fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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